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Official Diary

Saturday, 8 September 1951

Discussed with [redacted] of O/SO and a representative of his office the proposed agenda for meeting between the DCI and Mr. Hoover of the FBI, and [redacted] undertook to have such agenda and accompanying memoranda revised.

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As the result of a conference with [redacted] I&S) [redacted] it was agreed:

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1. That I would set up a meeting with Mr. Babbitt, Intelligence Officer for Federal Civil Defense Administrator, during the early part of next week, such meeting to be attended by Babbitt, [redacted] and myself at which we would request from Mr. Babbitt more satisfactory assurance as to the security arrangements at Civil Defense;

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2. That Mr. [redacted] would prepare recommendations as to what should be done to insure that security was preserved by the respective CIA offices in dealing with non-IAC agencies, both for consultation and for dissemination of intelligence.

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During the course of the foregoing meeting, Mr. [redacted] called attention to a memorandum from the Chief, I&S reporting to IAC members that security arrangements in Federal Civil Defense were satisfactory. Mr. [redacted] indicated that this probably related to the physical arrangements although it might be more broadly interpreted by the recipients. At this meeting, I reiterated my previously expressed view that no dissemination should be made to Civil Defense until more satisfactory arrangements have been made but pointed out that the matter was of some urgency since we could be criticized for failing to disseminate any material as to which that Agency had a clear need to know.

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[redacted] O/SO, referred to the coming visit of [redacted] and requested advice as to whether the DCI would desire a written or oral briefing. I indicated that a brief written briefing should be prepared, but that it would probably be desirable to supplement this with an oral briefing by qualified individuals. I shall bring this up with Mr. Dulles on Monday.

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